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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

At 1100 on 15 July 1954, a troop train of 4 boxcars and about 15 flatcars without an engine was seen at the Neustadt-Dosse railroad station. The flatcars carried about 15 trucks 6 mortars and 1 field kitchen and the boxcars were occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. At about 1630 on 16 July, a troop train of about 30 flatcars and 10 boxcars with personnel passed through the Hoftmuen railroad station. The train came from the direction of Ludwigslust and proceeded toward Schwerin. The flatcars carried about 10 trucks 8 x 85-mm AA guns, 2 to 3 canvas-covered searchlights, 1 generator, 2 field kitchens and 4 trucks with billeting equipment. Personnel observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. At about 2030 on 16 July, a freight train carrying coal passed through the Friesack railroad station. Three SSy-type flatcars carrying SU-249 guns and 1 boxcar with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were attached to the train, which came from the direction of Paulinenaue and proceeded toward Neustadt-Dosse.

Comment: The numbers of the motor vehicles on the first two trains fail to furnish indications for the identity of the units. The second train with AAA units probably went to the Wustrow firing range. According to turret numbers, the SP guns may have belonged to a tank unit of the 8th Gds Mech Div.

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